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CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

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SUBJECT: TRANSKEI REPORTEDLY BREAKS DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH
SOUTH AAFRICA.

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1. FOLLOWING IS THE FULL TEXT OF CHIEF MATANZIMA'S SPEECH IN
THE TRANSKEI NATIONAL ASSEMBLY ON APRIL 10 AS REPORTED IN
THE RAND DAILY MAIL:
QUOTE: THE GOVERNMENT GAZETTE OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA HAS,
BY PROCLAMATION, PUBLISHED THE ACT THAT TRANSFERS THE AREA
COMMONLY KNOWN AS EAST GRIQUALAND TO NATAL AS FROM APRIL 1, 1978.

THE ACT, DECIDED UPON BY A PARLIAMENT REPRESENTING 17 PERCENT OF
THE SOUTH AFRICAN TOTAL POPULATION, IS TO US ULTRA VIRES AND WE
WILL NEVER RECOGNIZE IT. ALL HISTORICAL DOCUMENTS ARE IN SUPPORT OF OUR
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SUBMISSIONS THAT THE LAND, NAMELY MOUNT CURRIE AND MATATIELE FARMS,
BELONGS TO PARAMOUNT CHIEF FAKU OF THE PONDO NATION.
AS A CONSEQUENCE OF THE UNILATERAL DECISION, MY GOVERNMENT HAS
DECIDED TO SEVER DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH THE REPUBLIC OF
SOUTH AFRICA, TO RECALL OUR AMBASSADOR AND CONSULS AND TO ADVISE
THE AMBASSADOR OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA AND HIS STAFF TO LEAVE

THE TRANSKEI ON OR BEFORE APRIL 30, 1978.

THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL REGARDS THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA'S ACT AS CONTEMPTUOUS AND BRUTAL. TO US IT IS A DECLARATION OF WAR AGAINST TRANSKEI. KNOWING THE MILITARY STRENGTH OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA, TRANSKEI WILL BIDE ITS TIME BEFORE TAKING UP ARMS TO RECOVER THE LAND THAT HAS BEEN CYNICALLY RAPED FROM IT.

IT IS COMMON CAUSE THAT THE LAND IN QUESTION WAS DECLARED BY THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT AS PART OF KAFFRARIA PROPER, BELONGING TO THE ABORIGINES OF TRANSKEI. THE WHITE PARLIAMENT OF 1913 HAD NO RIGHT TO ANNEX ELLIOT (XALANGA) AND MACLEAR DISTRICTS TO THE CAPE COLONY AND, LATER, MOUNT CURRIE AND MATATIELE DISTRICTS.

THIS IS THE MOST CRUEL ACT OF A GOVERNMENT THAT HAS NO REGARD FOR HUMANITY DIFFERING FROM THEIR OWN SKIN , A PEOPLE WHO HAVE CALLOUSLY SLAUGHTERED AND BUTCHERED MILLIONS OF BLACKS IN THE ENFORCEMENT OF THEIR OBNOXIOUS APARTHEID LAWS.

THE LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION HAS CRITICISED THE TRANSKEIAN GOVERNMENT FOR NOT DECLARING A CONVENTIONAL WAR FORTHWITH ON SOUTH AFRICA. I AM SURE HE DOES NOT WANT US TO UNDERESTIMATE HIS INTELLIGENCE. HE IS ADVISED TO COME FORWARD FOR MILITARY TRAINING FIRST.

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MY GOVERNMENT WILL PREPARE ITSELF AND TRAIN ITS ARMY FOR THE FUTURE MILITARY CONFRONTATION WITH THE WHITES OF SOUTH AFRICA IT WILL NOT BE A CONFRONTATION BETWEEN THE TRANSKEI AND THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA'S WHITES ONLY, BUT A BLOODY STRUGGLE BETWEEN BLACKS AND WHITES IN SOUTH AFRICA.

MY COUNTRYMEN, THIS IS A MATTER THAT SHOULD UNITE US. GREAT BRITAIN IS UNDER AN OBLIGATION TO RENDER ALL THE NECESSARY ASSISTANCE TO US, THEIR FORMER COLONY AND SUBJECTS.

NOBODY WHOULD DOUBT THE REACTION OF WHITE SOUTH AFRICA TO OUR DECISION. THEY WILL USE EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO OSTRACISE AND APPLY SANCTIONS AGAINST US. THIS IS THE SECOND TIME THESE CRUEL PEOPLE HAVE FORCIBLY ANNEXED OUR LAND TO NATAL. THEY TOOK PART OF PORT SHEPSTONE AND THE WHOLE OF THE DISTRICT OF ALFRED (HARDING) FROM PONDOLAND WITHOUT CONSULTING THE OWNERS OF THE LAND.

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WE APPEAL TO THE WESTERN COUNTRIES TO COME TO OUR ASSISTANCE,
AND TO OUR BRETHREN IN THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA TO
CONTINUE THE STRUGGLE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS. TRANSKEI IS A SOVEREIGN
STATE ALTHOUGH THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA REGARDS IT AS ITS
'HOMELAND". WE HAVE NEVER BEEN A 'HOMELAND" OF DISCRIMINATORY
SOUTH AFRICA. WE WERE A COLONY UNDER THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT
BEFORE BEING FORCIBLY JOINED TO SOUTH AFRICA BY THE WHITE PARLIAMENT.

THE PHASING OUT OF REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA SECONDED OFFICIALS
WILL DEPEND ON THE AVAILABILITY OF MAN-POWER TO FILL THE POSTS
HELD BY THEM. BUT, SHOULD THEY DECIDE TO RESIGN EN BLOC OR ARE
WITHDRAWN BY THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA'S GOVERNMENT IN
PROTEST AGAINST OUR ACTION, MY GOVERNMENT WILL FIND WAYS AND
MEANS OF FILLING THE POSTS.

WE HAVE DONE EVERYTHING TO NORMALIZE THE RELATIONS BETWEEN
TRANSKEI AND THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA.

I FEEL IT IS NOW OPPORTUNE TO READ THE LETTER WHICH I WROTE TO THE
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PRIME MINISTER OF THAT COUNTRY AS SOON AS IT CAME TO OUR NOTICE THAT
LEGISLATION WAS TO BE PASSED TRANSFERRING THE LAND WE
CLAIMED TO NATAL. END QUOTE.

2. CHIEF MATANZIMA THEN READ THE TEXTS OF A FEBRUARY 1978

EXCHANGE OF LETTERS BETWEEN HIMSELF AND PRIME MINISTER
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